

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT				1. CONTRACT ID CODE		PAGE    OF    PAGES		
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO.			3. EFFECTIVE DATE		4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.		5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)	
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						10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.		
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CODE			FACILITY CODE					
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS								
<input type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers <input type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing items 8 and 15, and returning _____ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment your desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.								
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)								
13. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.								
CHECK ONE	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.							
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).							
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:							
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)							
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.								
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)								
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)				16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)				
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR				15C. DATE SIGNED		16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		
15C. DATE SIGNED				16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		16C. DATE SIGNED		
(Signature of person authorized to sign)				(Signature of Contracting Officer)				

**SF FORM 30  
BLOCK 14 CONT.**

- C. The following questions submitted by potential offerors and answers provided by DESC are hereby incorporated into the above-referenced solicitation.

**Questions submitted by potential offerors.**

1. Page 3, of the ATG Solicitation states "DESC requires that installed Automated Tank Gauging (ATG) systems be capable of meeting API 3B certification testing for inventory control." Unfortunately, I have not been able to locate API 3B - I was told that it doesn't exist. Can you please let me know where this can be located?

**Answer: This was a typo. Please make a pen and ink changed to "API Chapter 3 – Section 3.1B.4.4"**

2. How many sites?

**Answer: Approximately 600 sites worldwide.**

3. What is the fuel that ATG will be monitoring?

**Answer: Not limited to JP-8, JP-7, JP-5, JP-4, JPTS, DIESEL (ALL TYPES), MOGAS (ALL TYPES), E85, BDI and NSFO.**

4. Section 3.5.2 seems to be missing something, i.e., only has a title.

**Answer: Section 3.5.2 is hereby removed from the SOO, see Section 3.5.1 for this requirement.**

5. What is the period of performance for Section 3.6, "Follow-on Support"?

**Answer: See revised Clause B34.01, CLIN 3.6**

6. What is the period of performance for Section 3.7, "Access to Internet ATG Research Site"?

**Answer: As needed, during the 190-day performance period.**

7. Is it necessary to have an office in the DC area? If so, would a representative hired by us and living in the area be acceptable?

**Answer: It is up to the bidder to present a plan to achieve the objectives as stated in the RFP. As long as the objectives are met, the location of the contractor does not matter.**

8. We are trying to get on the Required Central Contractor Registration. Is it necessary to be on this at the time of the submission of the proposal or only before award? Are there specific forms for this purpose? I do not see any forms in the section I1.07 section of the solicitation.

**Answer: First question, your company only needs to be registered before time of award. Second question, Clause I1.07 paragraph (d) provides a telephone number and a website for your company to get information on how to register with the CCR.**

9. Would the fact that we have conducted evaluations of most of the ATGS's marketed in the USA disqualify us from participation in this bid? The EPA list of methods includes Veeder Root, Incon, Petrovend, Incon, etc. We have tested all in them at our laboratory at one time or another.

**Answer: No**

10. Please clarify C.3.1.1 regarding "key stakeholders" and the intended logistics of meeting with said parties. Specifically:

Approximate number of stakeholders to be interviewed?

**Answer: DESC business units, Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Core representatives.**

Whether stakeholders will be present at a single location on a specific date, different stakeholders will be present at a single location but on alternating days, or whether the contractor will be required to interview at different sites over a range of time?

**Answer: Depending on proposal received from contractor, stakeholders may be present at single location, stakeholder may be asked to meet individually at single location or contractor may interview at different site over a range of time.**

Is the contractor responsible for setting up the interview facilities or will DESC provide them?

**Answer: Again it will depend on contractor proposal.**

11. **C.3.1.1.1** calls for the contractor to “Host Integrated Product Team (IPT) with DESC and Services to validate requirements for replacement ATG systems.” Please clarify the forum DESC intends? (e.g., face-to-face, net meeting, video conference.) If face-to-face, will DESC provide meeting facilities? If technology based, what will the contractor be responsible for providing?

**Answer: Face to Face, DESC will provide meeting facilities, if requested. If Technology based then contractor must specify in proposal.**

12. **C.3.2** calls for a workshop in the local Ft. Belvoir area. Please clarify the approximate number of participants and duration? Will DESC provide workshop facilities or will the contractor organize the workshop and assume this as part of **CLIN 3.2** price?

**Answer: Approximate number of participant: 25 max. Duration: depends on contractor proposal and methodology. If requested, DESC will provide a conference room.**

13. **C.3.5.2** is identified via heading “Cost, Past Performance and Timeliness of completion (schedule).” No additional information is provided. Please clarify the intended task for the contractor. How might the information requested here differ from the subtasks of **C.3.5.1** referencing “Costs” and “Performance”?

**Answer: See question and answer # 4, TYPO C.3.5.1 is correct**

14. Please clarify the intended parameters for Follow-On Support noted in paragraph **C.3.6** (e.g., as needed, 24/7). Also, is the expected duration for support to extend beyond the stated RFP performance period of 190 days?

**Answer: See Note in revised Clause B34.01 CLIN 3.6.**

15. Please expand on the explanation provided in the RFP to clarify the intent of **C.3.7**.

Specifically, are three licenses desired with a single “Internet Research Site” for three specific individuals or locations, or perhaps multiple users with not more than three simultaneous logons, or some similar configuration? Does DESC contemplate one license with three different “Internet Research Sites”?

**Answer: Multiple user (stakeholders) shall be given access to contractors website. Intent is to keep all stakeholders of this study continuously informed during the period of performance.**

Does DESC have any particular “Internet Research Site” in mind?

**Answer: No**

Does DESC intend to use these services beyond the performance period (190 days), and, if so, does that preclude an offeror to this RFP from proposing to provide the research analysis and support contemplated for CLIN 3.7?

**Answer: First question: See Question 14. Second question: Alternate proposals will be considered, but may not be accepted.**

15. Please clarify travel costs intended for offerors under **CLIN 4.0**? Other CLINs require meetings or interviews that will involve travel. What information can DESC provide at this time?

**Answer: The intended purpose of the Travel Line item is to reimburse the contractor for travel to locations that DESC requests them to go to and perform work. The offeror should include their travel cost for an initial meeting at DESC HQ and a final briefing at DESC HQ in their offered price under CLINs 3.1 – 3.7. Other DESC directed travel would be reimbursed in accordance with Section 7.0 Travel and CLIN 4.0**

16. The Offeror Submission Package contemplates the use of EFT for contract payment, but there is only a postal address listed in the RFP (G148.05.100). Does DESC intend for invoices to be submitted manually or will the contractor be provided an e-mail or other electronic address for DESC-FPB?

**Answer: See Revised clause G148.05.100 in Amendment 0002**

17. The RFP indicates payment will be made after items are “delivered”. Some activities will be conducted throughout the study and do not have any specific “deliverable” (e.g. follow-on support). Does DESC contemplate progress payments or intend for these items to be billed at completion? Please clarify.

**Answer: Once the items are completed and the Government has accepted the deliverable, the contractor may invoice for payment. However, offerors may propose a different payment schedule in the offer which the Government may consider.**

20. Does DESC contemplate any periodic total project progress reports for this contract? If so, under what CLIN would these requirements be priced? Also, what are the frequency, format, and distribution list desired by DESC?

**Answer: The offeror should provide this information on how they will communicate progress to DESC within their technical proposal as described in Clause L2.34 (b)(2). DESC uses the Microsoft Office Suite of software and Adobe for viewing text documents; the contractor must provide DESC with reports that are compatible with our software. Distribution lists will be discussed during the initial meeting to kick off the project.**

21. The RFP states that *“Contractor personnel shall have, or be in the process of obtaining, security clearances at the secret level for admission to controlled access areas. No access to classified information is required for this task.”* Which CLIN(s) require “admission to controlled access areas”? Since classified information is not involved would DESC consider using alternative means of meeting contract requirements without obtaining security clearances? Please clarify.

**Answer: Section 5.2 Security Clearance – is hereby revised by removing the secret level requirement. See revised clause within Amendment 0002. Security clearance of all personnel assigned to project will be required for physical access to DESC-HQ or site visits as required for task even though no access to classified information is required for this task.**

22. Paragraph L2.34(a)(1) states the Price Proposal should have “a detailed cost breakdown included.” The solicitation contemplates a firm fixed price for CLINs 3.1 through 3.7. The solicitation was issued via SF1449 – Solicitation/Contract/Order for Commercial Items. Based on the fact that price is considered to be a substantial factor for award and the solicitation is being issued for commercial items in a competitive environment, would the provisions of FAR 15.403(c) not apply? If so, the requirement for detailed costs seems inconsistent. Please clarify.

**Answer: We are not requesting cost data, only a general cost breakdown so that DESC can evaluate the resources being allocated to this project.**

23. Block 28 of SF1449 states that the contractor is to “sign and return 3 copies to issuing office.” The Attachment 1 cover sheet states, “The original and one copy of this Offeror Submission Package must be returned to this office with your offer.” How many copies of the SF 1449 does DESC want? Are they to be submitted as part of the Price Proposal, as part of the Offeror Submission Package, or separately? Please clarify.

**Answer: Sorry for the confusion on this. Attachment 1 cover sheet is incorrect. Clause L2.34 explains the correct number of copies and the number of parts (Price Proposal and Technical Proposal) required for this solicitation. SF1449 shall be submitted with the Price Proposal Part, including all the fill-in clauses in the Offeror Submission Package. Technical Proposal shall be submitted a separate Part with the required number of copies provided in Clause L2.34**

24. Attachment 1, Offeror Submission Package includes a portion entitled SERVICES TO BE FURNISHED AND PRICES (DESC FEB 1991). Paragraph L2.34(a)(1) refers to a “Services to be furnished clause” as part of the Price Proposal, but it does not refer to the Offeror Submission Package in its entirety. Does DESC want the Offeror Submission Package included with the Price Proposal or as a separate document? Please clarify.

**Answer: See question 23.**

24. In the offeror submission package for the referenced solicitation (ATG replacement program), there is a reference to a statement of work. Can you please direct me to that statement of work, so that we can better understand the requirements of the solicitation?

**Answer: Clause B34.01 has the reference that you are referring. This was a mistake. “Contractor shall comply with all terms and conditions as stated in the statement of work for the period stated above at fixed price of:” should have read “Contractor shall comply with all terms and conditions as stated in the statement of objective for the period stated above at fixed price of:” See revised B34.01 clause in Amendment 0002.**

**B34.01 SERVICES TO BE FURNISHED AND PRICES (DESC JUL 2003)**

The services to be furnished during the period specified herein and the unit prices are as follows:

Performance Period: One week after Award Date + not to exceed 190 days

Contractor shall comply with all terms and conditions as stated in the statement of objective for the period stated above at fixed price of:

<u>CLIN</u>	<u>OBJECTIVES</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
3.1	ATG Equipment Evaluation	\$ _____
3.2	Criteria Selection	\$ _____
3.3	ATG Equipment Documentation	\$ _____
3.4	Development Total Operation Cost for each system	\$ _____
3.5	ATG System Integrator Selection	\$ _____
3.6	Follow-on Support	\$ _____ per month, fixed price.

**NOTE:** The Contractor will be reimbursed for services, under Line Item 3.6, actually performed as approved by the Contracting Officer, when applicable, for Follow-on support services. Estimated length of follow-on support is estimated at 6 months. For evaluation purposes CLIN 3.6 will be multiplied by 6. See M2.11 Factor 1 Price.

3.7	Access to Internet ATG Research Site	\$ _____
4.0	Contractor shall be reimbursed monthly for travel in accordance with the Joint Travel Regulations (JTR) not-to-exceed \$ <u>10,000.00</u>	

(DESC 52.207-9F85)

**G148.05.100 SUBMISSION OF INVOICES FOR PAYMENT (SERVICES) (DESC JUL 2003)**

After each deliverable, an invoice may be mailed or Emailed to DESC-FPB at this address:

DEFENSE ENERGY SUPPORT CENTER  
ATTN: Stuart Stovall / DESC-FPB / Rm. 2945  
8725 John J. Kingman Road, Ste. 4950  
Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060-6222

Email : stuart.stovall@dla.mil

Payment will be made by:

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE - COLUMBUS CENTER  
ATTN: DFAS-CO-BVDWDD  
P.O. BOX 182317  
COLUMBUS, OH 43218-2317

Customer Service Telephone: 1-800-756-4571 (DESC 52.232-9FF5)

**5.2 Security Clearance.**

A secret clearance is not required for the work covered in the Statement of Objectives. No access to classified information is required for this task. The Contractor shall observe and comply with the security provisions in effect at the facility. ID badges shall be worn and displayed at all times.

**For those contractor employees working on-site,** the contractor shall provide the name(s) and social security numbers (SSNs) of all contractor personnel who will be working on this project to the appointed COR within five calendar days after Award. The Contractor shall be required to fill out an Electronic Personnel Security Questionnaire (EPSQ) which is the Government's security background check, Standard Form 85P (National Agency Check (NAC)), and to be fingerprinted in order to obtain a Building Identification Badge. The Contractor will be provided instructions for the installation of the EPSQ program by the COR. The document can be downloaded to the Contractor's personal computer through Netscape. The EPSQ must be electronically submitted to the DASC Personnel Security Office prior to the COR signing off on the Badge and ID Request Form (DLAH Form 1728). A hard copy of the EPSQ questionnaire must be attached to the Badge and ID Request Form, to include the employee's signature, prior to submitting the package to the DASC Personnel Security, Room 1747. HQ DLA CAAS (Command Security) will make the determination whether to allow employee access to the HQC. Once issued, the ID Badge must be displayed at all times while working on the Headquarters Complex. No secret clearance is required for work covered under this SOW.